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Dear Uinta National Forest Shareholder:

Welcome to the fall edition of the Uinta National Forest's *Schedule of Proposed Actions*. Published quarterly, the *Schedule* provides information about all documents prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The *Schedule* will give you the information necessary to participate in management of your national forests. I hope you will take this opportunity to review the projects either underway or proposed for the Uinta National Forest. Your meaningful comments will help us in all phases of the decision-making process.

If you would like additional information on any of the specific projects, or would like to be placed on a project-specific mailing list, please contact the individual listed. Thank you for your interest in the Uinta National Forest.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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Legend for NEPA Documents:

CE = Categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS

EA = Environmental Assessment

EIS = Environmental Impact Statement

Unknown = NEPA Analysis not yet determined

N/A = NEPA Analysis not required

All future dates are approximate and represent only best estimates.

Uinta National Forest

Heber Ranger District

Fire

Bryant's Fork Fuels Reduction

Jim Gibson

(435) 654-7221 NEPA CE Cat 10

Scoping 09-08-2003 **Decision** 12-15-2003

Location Bryant's Fork summer home development, west side of Strawberry Reservoir.

Description

Thin small trees from four vacant lots and create a linear fuel break surrounding the development to reduce risk of wildfire impacts to the summer home development.

Status

Scoping has been completed. A decision memo is expected to be signed by mid-December 2003, and implementation is planned for summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber Ranger District

Cooperators

Range

Willow Creek Water Development Reconstruction

Jim Percy

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 09

Scoping 01-02-2003 **Decision**

Location East Daniels Cattle Allotment; T. 1 S., R. 12 W., sec. 36

Description

Replace existing head boxes, fence the spring area, and pipe water further away from the riparian area.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. On February 6, a legal notice was published in The Daily Herald. Environmental analysis was expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. This project has been temporarily deferred due to lack of funding.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Heber Ranger District

Range

Bjorkman Water Development Reconstruction

Jim Percy (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 09

Scoping 01-02-2003 **Decision** 08-07-2003

Location East Daniels Cattle Allotment. Project starts near Currant Creek Peak and goes to a catch pond in Erickson Draw. T. 1 S., R. 11 W., sec. 19 and 30; T. 1 S., R. 12 W., sec. 15, 26, and 36.

Description

Replace existing head boxes, fence the spring area, and pipe water further away from the riparian area.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. On February 6, a legal notice was published in The Daily Herald. Environmental analysis resulted in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was signed on August 7, 2003, and implementation began in September 2003.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Allotment Management Plan Revision - Heber Mountain and Lake Creek Sheep Allotments

Jim Percy (435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

Scoping 01-02-2001 **Decision** 09-30-2003

Location Heber Mountain and Lake Creek sheep allotments

Description

Develop a new Allotment Management Plan for each allotment.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2001. A pre-decisional EA was released on May 21, 2003. The final EA was completed and the decision notice was signed on September 30, 2003. The project is currently under appeal awaiting a decision.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Indian Creek Water Development Reconstruction

Jim Percy (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 09

Scoping 01-02-2003 **Decision** 04-01-2004

Location North of the Chipman and Streeper Creek sheep allotments. Project starts at a spring SE of junction of Streeper and Chipman Creeks. Pipeline goes north about one-fourth mile then splits. One section goes east along Indian Creek and other goes west across Indian Creek then north across Streeper Creek. T. 4 S., R. 12 W., sec. 25, 26, 35, and 36.

Description

Replace existing head boxes, fence the spring area, and pipe water further away from the riparian area.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. On February 6, a legal notice was published in The Daily Herald. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in April 2004, with implementation beginning in summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Heber Ranger District

Range

Recreation

Bench Creek Trail

Lisa Heiser (435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 01

Scoping 11-29-2002 **Decision** 12-01-2003

Location Bench Creek drainage

Description

Relocate and construct a new segment of the Bench Creek Trail. Reconstruct and maintain the remainder of the trail in order to upgrade the current non-system trail and improve customer satisfaction. Add this section of trail to the classified trail system.

Status

Scoping was initiated in November 2002, with comments due by January 11, 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in early December 2003. Implementation should begin in spring 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Mill Hollow Water System

Lisa Heiser (435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

Scoping 01-03-2003 **Decision** 04-15-2004

Location Mill Hollow Campground

Description

Reconstruct the water system in the Mill Hollow Campground to upgrade the current system and bring it into compliance with state regulations.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003, with comments due on February 12, 2003. The proposed action will be available for review and comment in early February 2004. A final EA and decision notice should be issued in April 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Vegetation

Strawberry Watershed Fuels Reduction

Jim Gibson (435) 654-0470 NEPA EA

Scoping 02-12-2001 **Decision** 06-15-2004

Location Strawberry River watershed

Description

Conduct several fuels reduction treatments in the Strawberry River watershed. A recent landscape assessment completed for the Strawberry Valley area identified the lack of natural or prescribed fire use in the area, particularly in aspen, conifer, and sagebrush vegetation communities, resulting in a lack of diversity. This project was modified in 2003. The prescribed burn units will remain the same under the current analysis. The mechanical sagebrush treatments and fuel breaks have been dropped from the proposed action.

Status

Scoping was initiated in February 2001. A legal notice appeared in The Daily Herald on March 7, 2001. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the preparation of an EA. This project was deferred due to budget and personnel constraints, but has been reinitiated. The proposed action will be available for review and comment in April 2004. A decision notice should be issued by mid-June 2004. The project is scheduled for implementation beginning in fall 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Heber Ranger District

Vegetation

Telephone Hollow Timber Sale

Doug Page

(435) 654-0470 NEPA CE Cat 06

Scoping 02-02-2004 **Decision** 06-21-2004

Location Telephone Hollow and Sink Hollow immediately northeast of developed private lands off Daniels Summit, Highway 40

Description

Conduct commercial thinning and fuels treatment on approximately 220 acres of lodgepole pine stands to reduce hazardous fuels, reduce risks of a mountain pine beetle outbreak, and provide wood products.

Status

Scoping will begin in February 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A Decision Memo should be issued by the end of June 2004.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber

Cooperators

Wasatch County, Daniels Summit Homeowners

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Fire

Hope Fuel Reduction Treatment

Chuck Wentlender

(801) 342-5100 NEPA CE Cat 10

Scoping 01-02-2004 **Decision** 04-01-2004

Location Hope Campground area

Description

Treat approximately 4,100 acres of oakbrush to reduce the severity of potential wildfire to public and private lands, and lessen fire's long-term effects on water, soils, and the public.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in January 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in spring 2004. The project will be implemented in summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Fish/Wildlife

Fish Habitat Enhancement

Ron Smith

(801) 342-5100 NEPA CE Cat 07

Scoping 04-23-2003 **Decision** 07-31-2003

Location American Fork River

Description

Repair, relocate, replace, and/or place structures in the American Fork River to improve fish habitat. Initiate actions to improve streambank stability while ensuring public safety and access. This will be a multi-year project.

Status

Scoping was initiated in April 2003. Environmental analysis resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was issued in July 2003. The project was implemented in September 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Lands

Lands Transactions on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District

John Logan

(801) 342-5100 NEPA N/A

Scoping

Location

Decision

Two land title claims in the South Fork Provo River area, and land purchases for Grove Creek and Mineral Basin

Description

These activities are categories of actions that, barring extraordinary circumstances, are categorically excluded from documentation, and a project file and decision memo are not required.

Status

Easements to address the land title claims were submitted to Utah County for filing in January 2003. The Grove Creek land purchase is scheduled for completion in early winter 2004. The Mineral Basin purchase is still in a preliminary stage. These projects fall under CE category 31.1b #6.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

National Park Service

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Lands

American Fork Hydroelectric Project - FERC Project No. 696

Scoping 02-03-1999 Decision 01-09-2004

Reese Pope

(801) 342-5100 NEPA EA

Location American Fork Canyon

Description

Initially, the proposed action was to relicense the American Fork Hydroelectric Project through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). At this time, decommissioning and removal of the facilities are being pursued as an alternative to relicensing. The project consists of a diversion dam and intake structure, a steel flow line approximately 2.33 miles long, a riveted steel penstock, a powerhouse with one Pelton-type turbine/generator unit rated at 1,050 kw, and a 12.5 kv transmission line. The project currently diverts up to 26 cubic feet per second (cfs) from the stream for power generation.

Status

Since 1999, FERC and the project proponent have been acquiring additional information and determining how to proceed. The project proponent (PacifiCorp), Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Trout Unlimited, Utah Department of Transportation, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and others met and developed a proposal for decommissioning. In February 2003 the parties signed an agreement proposing to decommission the project; PacifiCorp submitted this agreement to FERC on February 13, 2003. The agreement asked FERC to adopt this plan as the preferred alternative in their NEPA document for relicensing or decommissioning, and asked FERC to issue an order to decommission the project. On March 19, FERC submitted a letter to PacifiCorp accepting their surrender application and requesting additional information prior to initiating NEPA. FERC issued an EA (with the Forest Service as a cooperator) for public comment and review on November 26, 2003. The EA proposes to select the agreement with some additional detailed plans (e.g., erosion, traffic control). The EA is obtainable at FERC's website, <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Comments are due to FERC within 45 days from issuance of the EA.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

PacifiCorp
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
National Park Service
Trout Unlimited
Utah Department of Transportation
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Lands

Interagency Administrative/Visitor Center Facility Land Exchange

Scoping 04-16-2003 **Decision** 03-01-2004

Pam Gardner (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA

Location Highland City, just west of the mouth of
American Fork Canyon

Description

Conduct a land exchange to facilitate building a shared interagency facility for the Pleasant Grove Ranger District and Timpanogos Cave National Monument. The proposed exchange would provide for development of a state-of-the-art facility, allow sharing of administrative resources, build and strengthen partnerships between the two agencies and others, and enable both the Forest Service and the National Park Service to provide better customer and visitor service. The proposed exchange would be conducted with a private land owner who is willing to trade the Highland City property for six parcels of National Forest System land, which include existing administrative sites in Provo, Pleasant Grove, and Beaver, Utah. On December 6, 2002, Congress passed the Timpanogos Interagency Land Exchange Act authorizing this exchange. The exchange must conform to the "Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions."

Status

Scoping was initiated in April 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in documentation in an EA. The proposed action will be available for review and comment in January 2004. A final EA and decision notice should be issued in March 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah
Beaver
Salt Lake

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Recreation

Rock Canyon Bridges

Renee Flanagan (801) 342-5100 **NEPA** CE Cat 01

Scoping

Decision

Location Rock Canyon

Description

Install a new bridge for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail in the Rock Canyon drainage. Evaluate the need for additional bridges in Rock Canyon.

Status

This project has been postponed due to lack of funding.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Squaw Peak 50-Mile Trail Run - 5-Year Permit

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA

Scoping

Decision

Location

Various trails in Utah County and across the Pleasant Grove Ranger District.

Description

Authorize a 5-year permit allowing an adventure race across various trails on the district.

Status

An environmental analysis has been initiated to analyze a proposed 5-year permit. Scoping was scheduled to begin in fall 2003; however, the analysis is currently on hold until the proponents finalize their race route.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Recreation

Grove Creek Trailhead

John Hendrix

(801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Cat 01

Scoping 01-28-2003 **Decision** 02-01-2004

Location Mouth of Grove Creek

Description

Construct a new trailhead in the Grove Creek area adjacent to the city of Pleasant Grove. The trailhead will provide access to Grove Creek and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, and will provide parking for non-motorized use of the area. Purchase of the remainder of the property is underway. State funding to help cover the cost of trailhead construction has been approved.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 28, 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. Issues regarding property boundaries and access to the site have arisen and are being investigated. Acquisition of the Grove Creek property (see Lands Transactions project discussed previously) is expected to be completed summer/fall 2003 and will resolve access issues. The environmental analysis will be completed after the additional land purchase has been completed.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Bonneville Shoreline Trail Maintenance and Reconstruction

John Hendrix

(801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Cat 01

Scoping 01-02-2004 **Decision** 03-01-2004

Location Bonneville Shoreline Trail in Lindon and Pleasant Grove

Description

Reconstruct a section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) to protect against erosion and illegal motorized vehicle access, and bring the trail to Forest Service standards. Due to the fragile soils of the area, erosion is occurring, creating "pot-holes" and areas of exposed cobble rock within the BST corridor. The section of the BST to be reconstructed will connect the Dry Canyon Trailhead with the Battle Creek Trailhead, and will follow an existing two-track trail.

Status

The land required for construction of the trail has been acquired. Scoping will be initiated in January 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. Environmental analysis is expected to be completed in spring 2004, with a decision memo to be issued in March 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Wasatch Adventure Race - 5-Year Permit

John Hendrix

(801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 02-03-2003 **Decision** 04-01-2004

Location Various trails in Utah County and across the Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Description

Authorize a 5-year permit allowing an adventure race across various trails on the district.

Status

An environmental analysis has been initiated to analyze a proposed 5-year permit. Scoping was initiated in February 2003. The proposed action will be available for review and comment in February 2004. A Decision Notice is expected in April 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Soil/Watershed

Silver Lake Stabilization

Larry Velarde (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 02-28-2000 **Decision** 03-15-2004
Location Lone Peak Wilderness Area; T. 3 S., R. 2 E.,
sec. 36

Description

Stabilize the Silver Lake dam to reduce environmental and public safety hazards in the event of a dam failure. The proposed action includes drilling and blasting to lower the lake's spillway by 5-8 feet from the crest of the dam, and plugging the outlet works with concrete. Silver Lake is located within the Lone Peak Wilderness Area at an elevation of 8,900 feet.

Status

Scoping was first initiated in 1999; however, the proposed action was refined and scoping was re-initiated in February 2000. Environmental analysis is expected to result in the preparation of an EA. The proposed action will be released for review and comment in January 2004. A final EA and Decision Notice should be released in mid-March 2004. As the project is within the Lone Peak Wilderness, a minimum management analysis will be prepared.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Provo Fuel Reduction Treatment

Chuck Wentlender (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE Cat 10

Scoping 01-02-2004 **Decision** 04-01-2004
Location Cascade Mountain area

Description

Treat approximately 4,000 acres of oakbrush to reduce the severity of potential wildfire to public and private lands, and lessen fire's long-term effects on water, soils, and the public.

Status

Scoping will be initiated in January 2004. A decision memo is expected by spring 2004. The project should be implemented by summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Sundance/North Fork Shaded Fuel Break

Chuck Wentlender (801) 342-5100 NEPA CE Cat 10

Scoping 05-15-2003 **Decision** 06-01-2004
Location Mount Timpanogos Campground area

Description

Thin 270 acres of mixed fuels in areas with high fuel loading on National Forest System and private lands near the Mount Timpanogos Campground and the North Fork Road to reduce the severity of potential wildfire in the area. A portion of the project area is in two roadless areas. The project is a continuation of the shaded fuel break begun on private lands adjacent to the North Fork Road and Sundance Ski Resort.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in June 2004. Project work will occur in summer/fall 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Special Uses

Provo City Municipal Water Line

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** CE Cat 03 **Scoping** **Location** Slate Canyon; T. 7 S., R. 3 E., sec. 8 and 9

Description

Rehabilitate an existing spring and install a new water line, tank, and other appurtenances. A 30-foot wide right-of-way will be needed for the transmission line.

Status

Provo City is exploring use of another existing right-of-way and existing easement. This project has been suspended pending further discussion with Provo City.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Provo City

Utah Power American Fork Canyon Electrical Transmission Line

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA **Scoping** 01-23-2003 **Decision** 12-31-2003 **Location** American Fork Canyon; T. 4 S., R. 2 E., and T. 4 S., R. 3 E.

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to PacifiCorp, doing business as Utah Power, for an above-ground 7.2 kv electrical line. The right-of-way for this line is approximately 40 feet wide and 27,000 feet long. The original permit for this line was issued in 1957. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in preparation of an EA. A final EA and Decision Notice should be completed by December 31, 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Utah Power Pleasant Grove Electrical Transmission Line

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA **Scoping** 01-23-2003 **Decision** 12-31-2003 **Location** Northeast of Pleasant Grove; T. 5 S., R. 2 E., sec. 9, 15, 16, and 26

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to PacifiCorp, doing business as Utah Power, for an above-ground 138 kv electrical line. The right-of-way for this line is approximately 80 feet wide and 6,680 feet long. The permit was first issued in 1954. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in preparation of an EA. A final EA and Decision Notice should be completed by December 31, 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Silver Lake Flat Reservoir

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA **Scoping** 01-23-2003 **Decision** 03-01-2004 **Location** North Fork American Fork Canyon; T. 4 S., R. 2 E., sec. 1 and T. 4 S., R. 3 E., sec. 6

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to the Northern Utah Water Conservancy District for operating and maintaining Silver Lake Flat dam and associated facilities. The permit area covers approximately 50 acres. The permit was first issued in 1964. No new ground disturbing activities are anticipated to result from the reauthorization.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2003. An amendment was made to the permit to extend authorization for one year. Environmental analysis is expected to result in documentation of an EA. The proposed action will be available for review and comment in January 2004. A final EA and decision notice are scheduled for completion in March 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Special Uses

Various Applicants Commercial Filming

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 04-30-2003 **Decision** 03-01-2004

Location Selected sites in American Fork and Provo Canyons

Description

Issue or re-issue Special Use Permits to film companies that desire to use selected sites for commercial filming purposes. Sites used as filming locations are also open to the general public. Locations to be studied are: Silver Lake Flat Reservoir Trailhead, Dutchman Flat, Holman Flat, Tibble Fork Reservoir Trailhead, Granite Flat Horse Transfer Trailhead, Pine Hollow Trailhead, Timpooneke Trailhead and Campground, Salamander Flat Camp Site, Summit Trailhead, South Fork Little Deer Creek Narrow Camp Site, Cascade Springs Overlook, Mill Canyon Spring Camp Site, Mount Timpanogos Trailhead, Theater-in-the-Pines Camp Site, Squaw Peak Road and Utah Valley Overlook, and Big Springs Hollow Road. Film companies set up a staging area and film at one of the locations listed here on a "call when needed" basis. Most operations are less than 5 days in length, and weekend use is avoided to limit conflicts with other Forest uses. An average of 4 permits have been issued each year since 1971.

Status

Scoping was initiated in April 2003. The proposed action will be available for review and comment in February 2003. A final EA and decision notice are expected in June 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Tibble Fork Reservoir

Nettie Sitting Up (801) 785-3563 NEPA EA

Scoping 01-23-2003 **Decision** 04-01-2004

Location North Fork American Fork Canyon; T. 4 S., R. 2 E., and T. 4 S., R. 3 E.

Description

Re-issue a Special Use Permit to the Northern Water Conservancy District for operating and maintaining Tibble Fork dam and associated facilities. The permit area covers approximately 17 acres. The permit was first issued in 1963.

Status

Scoping was initiated on January 23, 2003. An amendment was made to the permit to extend authorization for one year. Environmental analysis is expected to result in documentation of an EA. The proposed action will be available for review and comment in February 2004. A final EA and decision notice are scheduled for completion in winter 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Spring Creek Canyon Water Line

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 NEPA CE Cat 02

Scoping 10-01-2003 **Decision** 05-03-2004

Location Springville City, T. 7 S., R. 3 E.

Description

Connect a water line from Spring Creek Canyon to the Spring Creek subdivision.

Status

Scoping was initiated in October 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Springville City

Pleasant Grove Ranger District

Special Uses

Mutual Dell Facilities Modification Projects - Phase II

John Hendrix (801) 785-3563 **NEPA** EA **Scoping** 09-01-2003 **Decision** 08-02-2004
Location American Fork Canyon

Description

The Mutual Dell Organization Camp is requesting permission to construct three new small family campsites adjacent to existing family campsites, install a new compost toilet near the "Forest Glade" family camp, develop a spring and install a tank and transmission lines for culinary water, and construct a shower building.

Status

Scoping was initiated in September 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in preparation of an EA. The proposed action will be available for review and comment in June 2004. A final EA and Decision Notice should be issued in August 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Pleasant Grove

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Fire

Hazardous Fuels Reduction at Spanish Fork Summer Home Groups

Bill Ott (801) 342-5261 **NEPA** CE Cat 10 **Scoping** **Decision**
Location Payson Lakes and Bear Canyon summer home groups.

Description

Work with the summer home permit holders to provide for defensible space within the permitted area. The work will involve mechanical fuels treatment.

Status

This project is on hold pending reevaluation of the project to include other developed areas in the Mount Nebo area.

Counties Affected

Utah
Juab

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Summer home permit holders.

Fish/Wildlife

Diamond Fork Sulphur Springs

Karen Hartman (801) 342-5271 **NEPA** CE Cat 07 **Scoping** **Decision**
Location Diamond Fork Canyon

Description

Fence off an area of wet meadow by Sulphur Springs along the Diamond Fork road to protect vegetation from human impacts.

Status

This project has been postponed due to lack of funding.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Committee
Division of Wildlife Resources

Payson Lakes Lake Shore Habitat Improvement

Ron Smith (801) 342-5100 **NEPA** CE Cat 07 **Scoping** **Decision**
Location Payson Lakes

Description

Enhance fish and/or amphibian habitat within a 1-acre site in the Payson Lakes area.

Status

This project has been postponed due to lack of funding.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Fish/Wildlife

Vernon Pinyon-Juniper Treatments

Karen Hartman

(801) 798-3571 NEPA CE Cat 06

Scoping

Location

Vernon Unit

Decision

Description

Thin 30-50 acres of sagebrush/pinyon-juniper habitat to encourage the growth of sagebrush species to improve habitat for sage grouse. Specific treatment sites will be identified in cooperation with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources during summer 2003.

Status

This project has been postponed due to lack of funding.

Counties Affected

Tooele

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Holman Creek Stream Channel Stabilization and Fish Habitat Enhancement

Scoping 03-28-2003

Decision 03-01-2004

Ron Smith

(801) 342-5100 NEPA CE Cat 06

Location

Holman Creek

Description

Facilitate flood plain restoration and increase channel complexity, bank/channel stability, and fish habitat in Holman Creek.

Status

Scoping began in March 2003. A legal notice regarding the project appeared on April 7, 2003. The environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. However, due to funding constraints, this project was deferred. A decision memo is now expected to be approved in March 2004, with implementation in summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Lands

Mapleton City Spring Development

Duane Resare

(435) 623-2735 NEPA EA

Scoping 05-01-2003

Location Maple Canyon

Decision 05-30-2004

Description

Mapleton City is proposing to add spring developments to their existing Special Use Permit in Maple Canyon.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in documentation in an EA. The proposed action will be available for review and comment in March 2004. A final EA and decision notice should be issued in May 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Minerals

Vernon Clay Mining

Duane Resare

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Scoping 01-15-2004 **Decision** 06-01-2004

Location Vernon unit 3 miles south east of Vernon just of highway 31.

Description

Respond to an application to mine clay with low sodium and potassium and high alumina good for mixing cement and brick.

Status

Scoping is scheduled for mid-January 2004.

Counties Affected

Tooele

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Range

District-wide Structural Range Improvements

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Scoping 01-30-2004 **Decision** 05-12-2004

Location Grove Hollow, Harker Canyon, Little Valley, Rays Valley, and Loop Springs

Description

Construct fences and install water improvements and cattle guards. Specific projects are the Grove Hollow water development, Harker Canyon pipeline extension, Harker Canyon trough, Harker Canyon riparian fence, Little Valley corrals, Rays Valley pasture fence reconstruction, and Loop Springs water development. The purpose of these projects is to improve livestock management and thereby facilitate attainment of the desired vegetative conditions set forth in the Forest Plan.

Status

Scoping will be initiated by the end of January 2004. Environmental analysis is expected to result in these projects being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in May 2004. The projects are scheduled for implementation in summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Tooele

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Recreation

Cottonwood Dispersed Camping Toilet Replacement

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Scoping 08-15-2003 **Decision** 08-28-2003

Location Bear Canyon

Description

Replace the toilet in the Cottonwood dispersed camping area in Bear Canyon. The primary consideration in the replacement of the toilet is to protect natural resources (e.g., soil, water, riparian areas, and wetlands) immediately adjacent to and accessed by campers.

Status

Scoping was initiated in mid-August 2003. Environmental analysis resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS, as this project falls under CE category 31.1b, #5. A decision memo was issued on August 28, 2003. The project was implemented in November 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Recreation

Maple Bench Campground Reconstruction

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Scoping 05-01-2003 **Decision** 02-16-2004

Location Payson Canyon

Description

Reconstruct the existing campsites at the Maple Bench Campground in Payson Canyon. A primary consideration in the redesign of these sites will be the need to protect natural resources (e.g., soil, water, riparian areas, and wetlands) immediately adjacent to and accessed by these sites.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in mid-February 2004. This project falls under CE category 31.1b, #5.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Diamond Fork Group Sites Facility

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Scoping 01-03-2000 **Decision** 03-31-2004

Location Diamond Fork Canyon

Description

Develop a group site facility in lower Diamond Fork Canyon to address recreation demand and associated resource impacts. The Forest Service and the Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission have proposed construction of a 475 people-at-one-time (PAOT) group site facility approximately 1.5 miles above the junction of Highway 89. The facility would have three 50 PAOT sites, three 75 PAOT sites, and one 100 PAOT site; five 4-unit vault toilets; paved access road and spurs; shade shelters; a water system; a trail system; established vegetation; a host site; volleyball courts; and an information/fee station. The facility would be constructed in an old agricultural field between the new road and the stream.

Status

Scoping was initiated in January 2000. Site inventories have been completed, and specific issues that need to be addressed have been identified. Environmental analysis resulted in documentation in an EA. A pre-decisional EA was released in April 2003. As a result of the comments received for the pre-decisional EA, an updated EA will be sent out again for public review and additional comments. The new pre-decisional EA will be sent out in winter 2004. The final EA and decision notice should be issued by the end of March 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission

Monks Hollow Trail Construction

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Scoping 12-01-1999 **Decision** 05-31-2004

Location Diamond Fork drainage; Sec 32, T. 8 S., R. 5 E.

Description

Reconstruct the existing motorized trail system above the current trailhead location in the Diamond Fork drainage, and construct a new 2-mile section of motorized trail from the Teat Mountain trail system to the Monks Hollow trail system. The project would utilize a trail cat to build this trail. Information signing and trail marking would be placed throughout the area.

Status

Between December 1999 and July 2003, three EAs on this project were issued, appealed, and subsequently withdrawn or remanded. Scoping will be reinitiated by December 31, 2003. The proposed action will be distributed for review and comment in February 2004. A final EA and Decision Notice should be issued in May 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Roads/Access

Payson Canyon Gate Relocation

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Scoping 05-01-2003 **Decision** 10-09-2003

Location Payson Canyon

Description

Relocate the existing gate on Forest Road #396 from the Forest boundary south to the Nebo Loop National Scenic Byway in Payson Canyon. The total length of this road is about one-half mile. The road leads to private property and access will be granted to the landowner.

Status

Scoping was initiated in May 2003. Environmental analysis resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS, as it falls under CE category 31.1b, #1. A decision memo was issued on October 9, 2003. Implementation by Payson City is pending.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Soil/Watershed

Upper Diamond Fork Fencing

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Scoping 07-31-2003 **Decision** 09-17-2003

Location Upper Diamond Fork

Description

Fence off approximately one-fourth mile of upper Diamond Fork to protect the stream and streambanks from livestock impacts from the Diamond Fork and Hobbie Creek allotments.

Status

Scoping was initiated in July 2003. Environmental analysis resulted in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo was issued on September 17, 2003. Construction of the fence was completed by September 29, 2003.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Vegetation

Angelica wheeleri Protective Enclosure

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Scoping 11-24-2003 **Decision** 01-30-2004

Location Salt Creek

Description

Build an enclosure to protect the Angelica wheeleri plant and collect data to determine plant use by herbivores. This plant, found in the Salt Creek area, is being considered for listing as a Forest Service sensitive species.

Status

Scoping was initiated on November 24, 2003. Environmental analysis is expected to result in this project being categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS. A decision memo should be issued in January 2004. Project work is expected to occur in spring or summer 2004.

Counties Affected

Utah

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Spanish Fork Ranger District

Vegetation

White River Vegetation Management Project (previously referred to as the White River Salvage Sale)

Scoping 03-02-2001 **Decision** 02-16-2004

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Location White River drainage

Description

Harvest trees through a commercial timber sale on about 360 acres of mixed conifer stands within the White River analysis area. The purpose of the project is to salvage dead and dying trees and improve the overall health of the forested vegetation. This is a "forest stewardship project." The project is not within inventoried roadless areas.

Status

The project proposal has been refined and the project limited to roaded areas. Scoping was re-initiated for this project in March 2001. The proposed action was sent out for review and comment on October 7, 2003; a legal notice announcing the opportunity to comment was published in the Daily Herald on October 13, 2003. A final EA and Decision Notice should be issued in mid-February 2004. Implementation is expected in summer 2004, and may continue for a few years thereafter.

Counties Affected

Wasatch

Districts Affected

Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Supervisor's Office

Minerals

Oil and Gas Leasing Decision

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Scoping

Decision

Location Uinta National Forest

Description

Make leasing decisions for the low potential areas of the Forest for oil and gas exploration, development, and production.

Status

This project has been postponed due to lack of funding.

Counties Affected

Juab
Sanpete
Tooele
Utah
Wasatch

Districts Affected

Heber
Pleasant Grove
Spanish Fork

Cooperators

Bureau of Land Management